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Miss Alexandra Tolstoy
Tolstoy Foundation, Inc.
989 Eighth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Tolstoy:

I was disturbed to hear in your letter of July 24 of the financial difficulties in which the Tolstoy Foundation finds itself. We are well aware of the valuable work that you and the Foundation continue to do and I wish that I were in a position to help. Unfortunately, I am not, but would be happy to testify to the effectiveness of your undertaking, if that would be of assistance in your approach to private foundations.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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TOLSTOY FOUNDATION, INC.

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NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

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CABLE ADDRESS: "TOLFUND" NEW YORK

July 24, 1959

Mr. Allen W. Dulles,
Director of Central Intelligence,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

On May 22, 1959 I presented a report and budget (copy enclosed) for the year 1959 to the Bureau of Consular and Security Affairs through Mr. Richard Brown, Director, Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs, stating that the Tolstoy Foundation cannot continue its work, even on the same basis as it did before, without getting a subsidy of \$58,600.00.

April 30, 1959 has marked the 20th Anniversary of the existence and activities of the Tolstoy Foundation. Since 1945 when the scope of work after World War II has extensively widened with the influx of refugees - victims of communism - the Tolstoy Foundation could never raise sufficient funds for this work. In 1950 the Tolstoy Foundation received a subsidy from an anonymous donor of \$100,000. In the years between August 1951 and April 1955, the Tolstoy Foundation was helped by the Eastern European Fund of the Ford Foundation and would never have been able to do the work it achieved by bringing thousands of refugees from Europe, if not for that large contribution. In November 1954, the Tolstoy Foundation received an anonymous gift which was known in the office as the "Boston Fund".

We are doing everything we possibly can to raise enough money but at the present moment it is not an easy task. Yet it seems to me that curtailing to rock bottom minimum the work of the Tolstoy Foundation at the present moment, would be a mistake, for the following reasons:

1. I do not have to tell you, dear Mr. Dulles, what a destructive job for the U.S. and the people concerned, the Soviet agents are doing by persuading the new refugees to go back to Soviet Russia. The Tolstoy Foundation is working among those people, getting them jobs, taking care of the sick, procuring

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles:

July 24, 1959

living quarters for them and mainly giving those people who have come to a new country, the feeling that they are not abandoned and not alone. We have succeeded in many cases counteracting Soviet propaganda. The other day two men came from New Jersey asking us to take care of a few families that are considering going back to Soviet Russia.

2. A few of the Directors and friends of the Tolstoy Foundation have invested money in a project (oil wells), which happened to be very successful and which after the investors will be reimbursed, will give us 16% of the net profit which will go towards the support of the Tolstoy Foundation, but we cannot expect any returns before 2-2½ years.

3. We have great hopes that the World Refugee Year might also help the Tolstoy Foundation financially.

These are the reasons why after 20 years of hard work in the refugee field, helping thousands of victims of communism and when the Tolstoy Foundation is on the verge of getting on its feet, it seems tragic to be obliged to fold up only because a comparatively small sum of money, \$58,600., are lacking to continue our work for this year.

Sincerely yours,



Alexandra Tolstoy
President

AT:d

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Miss Alexandra Tolstoy
Tolstoy Foundation, Inc.
989 Eighth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Tolstoy:

I have your letter of 24 February and want you to know that I sincerely appreciate your very kind thoughts about my brother.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

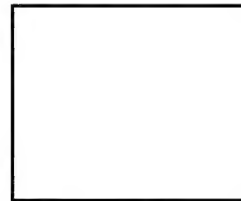
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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

For your information, I am attaching a copy of IO Division's resume on the commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Tolstoy's death, and a copy of your letter dated 19 February to Miss Tolstoy.



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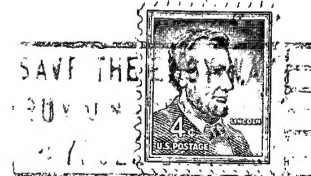
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